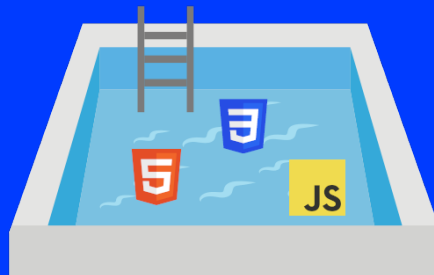




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Before you start

Now that you now the basics of programming in PHP, let's use it to interact with HTML and forms.

Setup a web server

Contrary to HTML, CSS and Javascript which are interpreted client-side by your web browser, PHP is a back-end language.

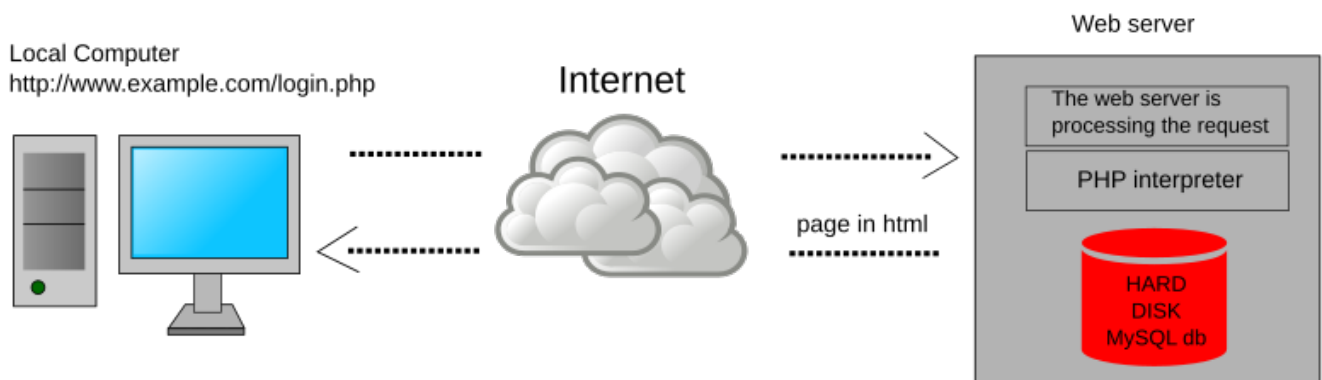
It needs a server that will interpret the language (as does the `php` command you've used yesterday) when a URL is called from the browser.

We won't detail it here but it would be useful for you to install and configure a simple PHP web server for testing purposes.

Here's a tutorial: [How to Install LAMP](#), but you can find many more on the Internet.



Apache and Nginx are both great web servers capable of processing PHP.



Task 01

Delivery: `./task01.php`

Create a `display_menu` function that:

- ✓ takes no parameters ;
- ✓ returns a string containing HTML capable of rendering a menu, like this:

```
<ul>
  <li><a href="home.php">Home</a></li>
  <li><a href="product.php">Products</a></li>
  <li><a href="about.php">About Us</a></li>
  <li><a href="contact.php">Contact</a></li>
</ul>
```

Because you've setup a web server, you can test the function.

See how your browser renders the menu by creating a page like `index01.php` containing:

```
<!doctype html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
  <meta charset="utf-8">
  <title>Task 01</title>
</head>
<body>
  <?php
    require("task01.php");
    $menu = display_menu();
    echo $menu;
  ?>
</body>
</html>
```

Then, go to <http://127.0.0.1/index01.php> where you SHOULD see your page with the menu.



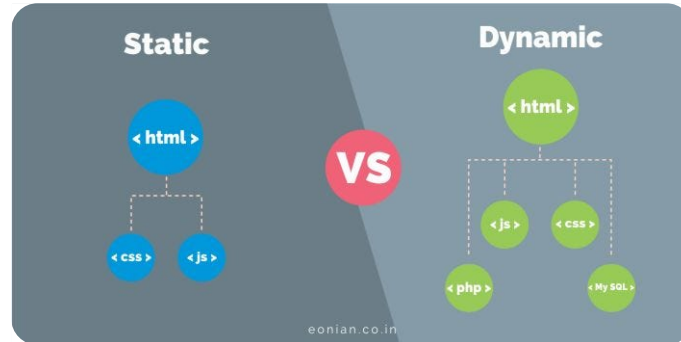
Task 02

Delivery: `./task02.php`

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If you keep just the content of the `<body>` of each page in separate HTML files, such as `home.html`, `php.html` and `sql.html`, you would be able to **include** it in your structure.

PHP can be used to render **dynamic content** without having to re-write all of the page structure for each new page of your website.



Create a `render_body` function which takes a string as parameter.

If the string is `home`, `php` or `sql`, returns the content of the corresponding HTML file.

If the parameter is unknown, just return: `<p>Unknown page</p>`.



The corresponding HTML files must be present in the same directory as `task02.php`

Test the function: see if your browser render the body of a page like `index02.php` containing:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
  <meta charset="utf-8">
  <title>Task 02</title>
</head>
<body>
  <?php
    require("task02.php");
    $body = render_body("home");
    echo $body;
  ?>
</body>
</html>
```

Go to <http://127.0.0.1/index02.php>.

You should see your page with the content of `home.html` inside the `<body>` tag.

If you change the value of the parameter, the content of the page changes.

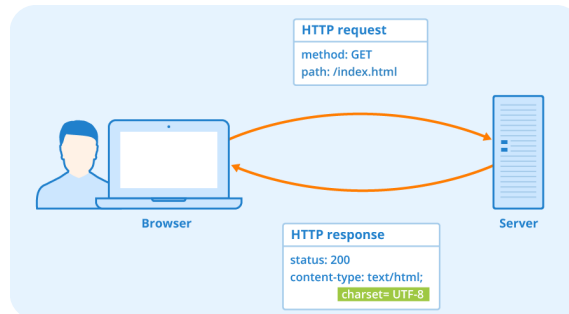
Task 03

Delivery: `./task03.php`

The previous task was good, but not enough.

Indeed, it's not fully dynamic as you edit your index file to change a parameter value.

We'll now become truly dynamic by using *URL parameters* (such as **GET**).



Create a `dynamic_body` function which takes no parameter. It'll check the value of the GET parameter called `page`. Depending on the value of this `page` parameter, do the same thing as the previous task. If there is no `page` parameter or if its value is unknown, just return: `<p>Unknown page</p>`.



There's a special variable in PHP called `$_GET`.

Test the function: see if your browser render the body of a page `index03.php` containing:

```
<!doctype html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
  <meta charset="utf-8">
  <title>Task 03</title>
</head>
<body>
  <?php
    require("task03.php");
    $body = dynamic_body();
    echo $body;
  ?>
</body>
</html>
```

Go to <http://127.0.0.1/index03.php?page=home>.

You should see your page with the content of `home.html` inside the `<body>` tag.

You can now change the value of `page` in the URL to change the content of the body.

That's what I call dynamic, you no longer have to edit your file.

All your web pages now shares the same structure using a single file.

Task 04

Delivery: `./task04.php`

Now that you know how to handle URL parameters with `$_GET` we'll see another way of sending data: POST. GET and POST are different in terms of limitations and usage. POST is most commonly used to handle forms data.



More information on GET vs POST and example [here on w3schools](#).

Create a function `whoami` which takes no parameters and prints "Hi, my name is <name> and I'm <age> years old.". The `name` and `age` parameters will come as **POST** data.
If there's no name, print: "Hi, I have no name and I'm <age> years old."
If there's no age or it's not valid, print: "Hi, my name is <name>."
If there's neither a name or a valid age, guess what you should print.

If you've setup a web server, you can test the function using the `curl` command.

Examples:

```
Terminal
$> cat index04.php
<?php
require("task04.php");
whoami();
?>
```

```
Terminal
$> curl -d "name=Jane&age=21" -H "Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded" -X POST
http://127.0.0.1/index04.php
Hi, my name is Jane and I'm 21 years old.
```

```
Terminal
$> curl -d "nom=John&age=48" -H "Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded" -X POST
http://127.0.0.1/index04.php
Hi, I have no name and I'm 48 years old.
```

Task 05

Delivery: `./task05.php`

We'll now connect our PHP script to a real HTML form. You have to make the following page work (you can name it `index5.php` but you don't have to turn it in!).

```
<!doctype html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
  <meta charset="utf-8">
  <title>Task 05</title>
</head>
<body>
  <?php
    require("task05.php");
    if (form_is_submitted()) {
      ?>
    <p><?php whoami(); ?></p>
    <?php } else { ?>
    <form method="post">
      <div>
        <label for="name">Name</label>
        <input type="text" id="name" name="name" />
      </div>
      <div>
        <label for="age">Age</label>
        <input type="number" id="age" name="age" min="0" />
      </div>
      <div>
        <label for="curriculum">Curriculum</label>
        <select name="curriculum" id="curriculum">
          <option value="">--Please choose an option--</option>
          <option value="pge">PGE (Programme Grande Ecole)</option>
          <option value="msc">MSc Pro</option>
          <option value="coding">Coding Academy</option>
          <option value="wac">Web@cademie</option>
        </select>
      </div>
      <div>
        <input type="submit" name="submit" value="Send" />
      </div>
    </form>
    <?php } ?>
  </body>
</html>
```

Thus, you have to create two functions:

- ✓ `form_is_submitted` returns a boolean value (form has already been submitted or not).
- ✓ `whoami` works as in the previous task with an added feature. It must add "I'm a student of <curriculum>." if there's a curriculum specified after the first sentence. Example: "Hi, I have no name and I'm 48 years old. I'm a student of MSC Pro."

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